Election of non-official Members to the Standing Finance Committee.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I beg to propose the names of Messrs. George Chakyamuri, E. Ikkanda Warriar and Kumaran Ezhuthassan to form the non-official members of the Standing Finance Committee.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

President.—The official members will be the Secretary to the Diwan, the Comptroller of Accounts and the Secretary to the Council.

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The Cochin Free Compulsory Primary Education Bill.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—This being an import measure and as I find the Hon'ble Member in charge of the department is absent I did not propose to move it because I want to give him an opportunity to speak what he has got to say on the matter.

Motion was, therefore, considered withdrawn.

Resolutions.

(6) Appointment of a Committee to submit proposals for utilising the donation of Rs. 3,00,000.—(*cont.*)

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Sir, I have very great pleasure in supporting this resolution. I respectfully beg to think that this is a resolution in which the attitude taken by the Government cannot be justified in any way. To commemmorate the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy to our State, His Highness the Maharaja conferred a boon on the various classes of His subjects and the boon, as I take it was meant, by the Diwan to be benefiting as far as possible all the sections of the subjects in the State. If that be so, I fail to see how the Government could taboo a discussion in this Council regarding the way in which that fund has to be utilised. We only wanted—we, the elected representatives of the people, humbly requested the Government to give us an opportunity to give suggestions regarding the way in which the amount has to be utilised. (*Hear, hear*). This fund is as much the tax-payers' money as other money over which this House has control and liberty to discuss when the

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